# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:273
ANSWERED ON:17.12.2008
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR ERADICATION OF POLIO
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether external assistance from various countries including that of Japan is being obtained/utilised to eradicate polio from the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of States which are likely to be benefitted by the said assistance;

(d) whether the World Health Organization (WHO) has provided any assistance in this regard;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) the details of funds allocated by the Government for eradication of polio during the last three years and the current year; and

(g) the number of polio eradication campaigns launched by the Government during the said period?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a)to(g): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 273 FOR 17.12.2008

(a) Yes,Sir.Various external agencies are assisting the programme for eradication of Polio.

(b) The details are at Annexure-I.

(c) The Polio eradication activities are conducted across the country. All the states and UTs are benefited.

(d) Yes, Sir.WHO is providing Technical Assistance for Polio eradication activities.

(e) The MoHFW ,GOI and WHO collaborated to form National Polio Surveillance Project (NPSP), in 1997 which provides technical and logistic assistance to the Government of India and also works closely with state governments/UTs to achieve the goal of polio eradication in India.

(f) As per Annexure-II.

(g) The annual eradication strategy is planned on the basis of the recommendations of the Government of India's apex advisory body on polio eradication called the India Expert Advisory Group (IEAG). The group comprises national and international epidemiologists, virologists, public health experts, partner organizations nd government representatives. The number of National Immunization Day (NID) and Sub National Immunization Day (SNID) rounds conducted from 2005-06 to 2008-09 is given at Annexure-III.